PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3603, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1997

JUNE 10, 1996.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. LINDER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 451]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 451, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 3603, the "Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 1997" under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives clause 2(1)(6) of rule XI (3 day layover), clause 7 of rule XXI (3 day availability of printed hearings and reports on appropriation bills), or section 302(c) of the Budget Act (subcommittee allocation requirement) against consideration of the bill.

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The rule waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations) and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting reappropriations) against the bill.

Members who have preprinted their amendments in the Record prior to their consideration will be given priority in recognition to offer their amendments if otherwise consistent with House rules.

The rule provides that the chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and that the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote immediately follows another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of votes is not less than 15 minutes.

The rule further provides that after the reading of the final lines of the bill, a motion to rise, if offered by the Majority Leader or a designee, will have precedence over a motion to amend.

The rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

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Finally, the rule provides in section 2 that the section 602(b) allocations in the budget resolution conference report will be in effect for the consideration of this bill.

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